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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION FOR PATENT
DESIGNATING THE U.S. ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**Docket Number (Optional)
020600-2833Firstnamed inventor: Gunter Schmidt et al. *JB*

International (PCT) Application No.: PCT/GB98/02048

U.S. Application No.: 09/462,408
(if known)

Filed: January 10, 2000

Title: CHARACTERISING NUCLEIC ACIDS

Attention: PCT Legal Staff

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Washington, D.C. 20231

The above-identified application became abandoned as to the United States because the fees and documents required by 35 U.S.C. 371(c) were not filed prior to the expiration of the time set in 37 CFR 1.494(b) or (c) or 1.495(b) or (c) (as applicable). The date of abandonment is the day after the date on which the 35 U.S.C. 371(c) requirements were due. See 37 CFR 1.494(h) or 1.495(i).

APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION

NOTE: A grantable petition requires the following items:

- (1) Petition fee
- (2) Proper reply
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee -- required for all international applications having an international filing date before June 8, 1995; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

1. Petition fee

Small entity - fee \$ 605.00 (37 CFR 1.17(m))
 Small entity statement enclosed herewith.
 Small entity statement previously filed.
 Other than small entity - fee \$ _____ (37 CFR 1.17(m))

2. Proper reply

A. The proper reply (the missing 35 U.S.C. 371(c) requirements) in the form of
Transmittal Letter to US DO/E0; Basic Filing (identify type of reply):
fee in the amount of \$552.00; executed Declaration

04/17/2000 P DOLPE 00000094-09462400 was submitted previously on _____.

04 FC:241 is enclosed herewith. \$605.00

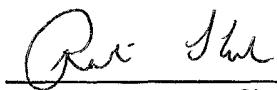
3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

Since this international application has an international filing date on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$_____ for a small entity or \$_____ for other than a small entity) equivalent to the period of abandonment is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

4. Statement. The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional.

April 10, 2000

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The Commissioner is hereby authroized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.